



Voter Registration

You can start the voting process right here! Learn what the requirements are to vote; all Waukegan Township facilities are voter registrations sites. There are many options that you have as a Waukegan Township registered voter that includes: early voting options, voting by mail and Election Day voting. Stop by one of our Facility for more information.

Voter Registration FAQs

- Who can register to vote?
- Where and when can I register to Vote
- Does my voter registration expire?
- What are my Voter's Rights?

Who Can Register to Vote?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and,
- Are 18 years of age by the date of the next election and,
- A resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election.

Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar:

- At least one of the two forms must show your name and current address,
- Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed and delivered to you.

Where and When Can I Register to Vote?

You may register to vote:

- At the Lake County Clerk's office
18 North County Street, Room 101
Waukegan, Illinois
847.377.2410
 - Through a Deputy Registrar duly appointed by the County Clerk
 - At your local municipal or township office and other local agencies
- Official Places of Voter Registration**
(PDF format 72KB)
- Registration is open all year throughout the County except during the 27 days preceding an election and reopens the second day following an election.
 - Under federal law, citizens may apply to register to vote by mailing in an application. When you register by mail your mail-in form must be postmarked prior to the close of registration. In addition, a person must vote for the first time in person and may not vote by mail, unless the person first provides sufficient proof of identity and the County Clerk verifies the person's proof of identity.
 - Sufficient proof of identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's driver's license number or State identification card number. If unable to provide either form of identification, please call Voter Registration 847-377-2410.
 - Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity to the County Clerk shall be notified by the County Clerk that the registration has not been fully completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented.

Grace Period Registration

- Grace period registration is offered from the close of registration until the 7th day before an election. If a voter who registers or changes address during this grace period wishes to vote, they must do so by grace period voting at the County Clerk's office. Contact the County Clerk's office at 847-377-2410 for further information on grace period registration.

How Do I Know Where to Vote?

- Your Voter's Certificate of Registration card lists your township, precinct number and location of your voting site. If you need assistance determining your voting site, we have developed an online application to help you determine where to vote.
- You can search for your voting site by your address or precinct number. Directions as well as photographs of your voting site are available.

Does My Voter Registration Expire?

- Your voter registration does not expire unless you move or change your name.

Change of name

- Should you change your name by marriage, divorce or other legal name change and move, you must re-register under your new name and provide the new signature on your registration record. Two forms of identification with your new name are required, one of which must have your current address.

Change of address

- If you move within Lake County, you must provide written notification of your new address and sign the request:
 - Mail notification including your name, old and new address, date of birth and your signature or,
 - Complete the back of your Voter's Certificate of Registration Card including your signature
- If you move to Lake County from another county or another state, complete a new registration application.
- The County Clerk's office is required to verify the accuracy of the voter rolls. This is accomplished by mailing notices to all registered voters to confirm their residency at the address on file.

Voter's Bill of Rights - You have the right to:

- Cast your ballot in a non-disruptive atmosphere free of interference.
- Vote if you're in line by 7 PM.
- Vote by provisional ballot if your registration is not found.
- Vote at your old polling place if you have moved within 30 days of the election.
- Request assistance in voting, if needed.
- Bring newspaper endorsements or sample ballots into the voting booth, but take them with you when you finish voting.
- Protect the secrecy of your ballot.
- Receive a new ballot if you make a mistake or change your mind.
- Screen your ballot after voting to ensure it's complete and correct.
- Have your ballot counted fairly and impartially.
- If you believe these rights have been violated, call the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-377-2328.

What to Know Before Going to the Polls

- All Election Day voting sites open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Refer to Early Voting for hours and locations for voting during the 22 day period.
- If you are incapacitated, you may vote by mail or request curbside voting on Election Day. Call the County Clerk's office at 847-377-2406 for more information.
- Voters who registered by mail on the Federal Registration form, and do not provide sufficient proof of identity, must vote in person the first time they vote.
- If you requested a ballot by mail, you may not cast a ballot on Election Day.
- If you vote early, you may not vote on Election Day.
- If you damage or mark your ballot incorrectly or change your mind about your ballot choices when voting a ballot by mail, you may request another ballot and must return the spoiled ballot. Similarly, on Election Day, you may request a new ballot before your ballot is deposited in the ballot counter. No ballot may be retrieved from the ballot bin.
- Cellular telephones should not be used in the voting site. Using a cellular telephone in the voting site may constitute electioneering, distract other voters or delay the voting process.
- Write-in votes will count only for candidates who have filed a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate.
- Your ballot may be different than your closest neighbor's ballot. Precinct boundaries and local government districts cannot always coincide and when they intersect, the ballots will contain different offices and candidates. Ballot styles are specific to

those candidates and issues for which you are entitled to vote.

- Illinois does not have a political party registration system. In a primary election, voters are required to declare a party to vote on party nomination ballots. If there are referenda or public questions, nonpartisan ballots are available and contain no partisan candidates.

Sample Voter's Certificate of Registration Card

- The Voter's Certificate of Registration Card is your official source document for determining where to vote and your congressional, state senate, state representative and county board districts.
- You are not required to present your voter card in order to vote on Election Day, though it is helpful as a quick reference tool for your correct precinct number and voting districts.

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